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Implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/502 on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Note by the Secretary-General

1. This note is issued for information concerning the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/502 of 27 June 2002, which provides for the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) for the periods from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 and from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and takes into account the voluntary contributions from the Governments of Cyprus and Greece to the Force.

2. In previous resolutions wherein financial resources were provided in gross and net amounts, the voluntary contribution of one third of the appropriation from the Government of Cyprus and the annual voluntary contribution of $6.5 million from the Government of Greece were calculated on the basis of the net appropriation. Accordingly, as voluntary contributions are not subject to staff assessment, the totality of estimated income from staff assessment was credited among Member States. However, in the revision of the format of peacekeeping resolutions for the resumed fifty-sixth session, which omits references to net amounts, the treatment and calculation of voluntary contributions from the Governments of Cyprus and Greece were made in error.

3. Consequently, in accordance with past practice that voluntary contributions are to be calculated on a net basis, the financing of UNFICYP will be implemented in accordance with the revised paragraphs 14 to 21 of Assembly resolution 56/502, as contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Revised paragraphs 14 to 21 of General Assembly resolution 56/502

14. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 14,578,900 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 24,553,500 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,046,125 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

16. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,895,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 at a monthly rate of 157,983 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,636,200 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the prorated share of 240,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the increase in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, and the prorated share of 18,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and the reduction in staff assessment income of that account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

17. *Further decides* that, taking into account the unencumbered balance of 1,061,700 dollars and other income of 1,680,000 dollars for the financial period ended 30 June 2001, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance in the amount of 591,770 dollars and their respective share of other income in the amount of 856,260 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B;

18. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their respective share of the unencumbered balance in the amount of 591,770 dollars and other income in the amount of 856,260 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001, shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Also decides* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 103,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2001, that one third of the net unencumbered balance in the amount of 319,470 dollars and other income in the amount of 560,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

21. *Decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2001, that the prorated share of the net unencumbered balance in the amount of 150,460 dollars and other income in the amount of 263,740 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;